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Weekly Weather Crop Report

Week Ending October 12, 1997

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending October 12, 1997. The main farming activities for the week were harvesting corn, cotton, rice and soybeans and planting wheat. Soil moisture conditions were rated 32 percent very short, 34 percent short, and 34 percent adequate.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1996	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Grain Harvested	98	96	96	91	---	---	---	---	---
Cotton	Open Bolls	91	88	100	99	2	7	31	47	13
	Harvested	36	21	64	52					
Rice	Harvested	92	84	96	90	---	---	---	---	---
Sorghum	Mature	98	96	100	100	---	---	---	---	---
	Grain Harvested	95	93	94	95					
	Silage Harvested	96	90	97	98					
Soybeans	Turning Color	95	90	96	95	2	11	20	48	19
	Shedding Leaves	82	77	81	78					
	Harvested	55	47	50	40					
Wheat	Planted	18	10	33	22	1	8	20	71	0
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	49	40	69	69	0	10	45	43	2
Pecans	Harvested	8	1	5	7	5	15	33	46	1
Peanuts	Harvested	80	20	89	92	0	0	7	86	7
Cattle						2	7	24	54	13
Pasture						8	20	35	32	5

County Agent Comments

"Pastures are very dry. Late planted soybeans have been in need of rain for the past two weeks to fill pods. Cotton harvest started last week, and the cotton crop appears to be better than predicted earlier. Cool season pastures need rain to aid the growth process."

— Mike Howell, Lee County

"Wheat planting started last week. Cotton is maturing rapidly, but harvesting has not begun yet. Hay harvest is almost complete. A general rain is needed for pastures."

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

"Rain is needed desperately. Most cool season grass has not been planted because of lack of moisture."

— Shelby Bearden, Copiah County

"Soybeans along the river are being harvested with excellent yields. We need rain for winter pastures."

— Don Bales, Wilkinson County

"Extremely dry conditions exist county-wide. As a result, all rye grass planting has been put on hold, except for deer plots. Peanut harvesting and cotton harvesting are proceeding very well."

— Lee Taylor, Forrest County

"Corn harvest is almost complete with low yields in some areas. Soybean harvest has begun. Lack of rain is beginning to hurt pastures."

— Tim Needham, Tippah County

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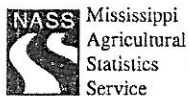
Weather Summary from October 6, 1997 to October 12, 1997 for Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale						0.00		0	1.81				
Cleveland	88	63	76	64	+12	0.31	-0.40	3	3.44	83	70	77	
Tunica	88	63	76	64	+12	0.16	-0.55	2	2.63	83	70	77	
Extreme/Average													
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	89	56	73	61	+12	0.02	-0.82	1	4.77	80	66	74	0.17
Memphis	88	64	76	66	+11	0.73	+0.15	2	5.21				
Oxford	90	59	74	62	+12	0.00	-1.05	0	5.19				
Extreme/Average	90	56	74	63	+11	0.25	-0.57	1	5.06	80	66	74	0.17
3. Northeast													
Booneville	87	58	74	62	+11	0.00	-0.80	0	1.80				
Corinth	89	58	75	64	+11	0.00	-0.72	0	3.91				
Iuka													
Pontotoc	89	57	74	63	+11	0.00	-0.79	0	1.14	84	68	76	0.18
Tupelo	88	58	74	63	+11	0.00	-1.02	0	1.04				
Verona	89	57	74			0.00		0	1.55	85	65	77	0.16
Extreme/Average	89	57	74	63	+11	0.00	-0.83	0	1.89	85	65	76	0.18
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	92	58	78	66	+12	0.00	-0.85	0	1.25	90	76	84	
Greenwood	90	62	77	66	+10	0.00	-1.15	0	1.89				
Rolling Fork	92	62	77			0.00	-0.84	0	1.78	90	79	85	0.15
Stoneville													
Yazoo City	92	67	80	68	+12	0.00	-1.14	0	0.55				
Extreme/Average	92	58	78	67	+11	0.00	-1.00	0	1.37	90	76	85	0.15
5. Central													
Carthage	88	59	75	65	+10	0.00	-0.73	0	1.59				
Jackson	90	62	77	67	+10	0.00	-0.74	0	2.06				
Winona						0.00	-0.80	0	3.47				
Extreme/Average	90	59	76	66	+10	0.00	-0.76	0	2.37				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	90	57	76			0.00	-0.84	0	1.47	75	66	71	
Columbus	91	61	77			0.00		0	1.64				
State University	89	58	74	65	+9	0.00	-0.68	0	0.82	84	62	74	
Extreme/Average	91	57	76	65	+11	0.00	-0.76	0	1.31	84	62	73	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	91	59	77			0.00		0	0.80	91	66	81	
Natchez	91	61	78	70	+8	0.00	-0.91	0	1.05				
Oakley						0.00	-0.67	0	0.03				
Vicksburg	90	66	79			0.06		1	2.15				
Extreme/Average	91	59	78	70	+8	0.02	-0.77	0	1.01	91	66	81	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	91	62	78	69	+9	0.06	-0.41	1	0.94				
McComb	91	64	78	68	+10	0.00	-0.51	0	0.51				
Extreme/Average	91	62	78	68	+10	0.03	-0.46	1	0.73				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont						0.00		0	0.00				
Hattiesburg	92	63	78	68	+10	0.00	-0.51	0	0.50				
Laurel													
Meridian	89	56	74	66	+8	0.00	-0.61	0	0.89				
Newton	89	57	75	66	+8	0.00	-0.44	0	0.84	83	66	75	0.17
Extreme/Average	92	56	76	67	+9	0.00	-0.52	0	0.74	83	66	75	0.17
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	89	63	76			0.15		1	0.49				
Biloxi	90	68	80			0.13		1	1.10				
Gulfport													
Pascagoula	86	62	75	73	+2	0.00	-0.68	0	1.98				
Poplarville	90	58	77	70	+7	0.00	-0.72	0	1.00	90	71	81	0.19
Extreme/Average	90	58	77	72	+5	0.07	-0.63	1	1.14	90	71	81	0.19
State	92	56	76	67	+10	0.05	-0.69	1	1.83	91	62	78	0.16

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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